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In re Application of:)
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Yoshio OZAWA, et al.) Group Art Unit: 2826
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Serial No.: 09/559,757) Examiner: Mondt, Johannes P.
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Filed: April 27, 2000)
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND)
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In response to the Final Office Action December 2, 2002, with a period for response extending through March 3, 2003 (March 2nd being a Sunday), Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration in view of the following remarks:

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 3, 5, and 7 – 19 remain pending, with claims 8 – 19 withdrawn from consideration as drawn to a nonelected invention. In the Final Office Action, the Examiner repeated the rejection of claims 1 – 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Rhee (U.S. Patent No. 5,646,054) in view of Teramoto (U.S. Patent No. 5,620,910), Komori, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5, 602,048), and Hsu, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,693,974); repeated the rejection of

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